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TU OUR RIDURZ.

It iz not widout muc hezitéçun, dat svn upon sô smôl a skél, wí entur ae perilus páu ov jurnalizm, but hóp our taitl wil straik a kôrd in ae publik tést hwic wil inçür sukses. Qi inkrist dizair ov obténij kúriositiz and historikal reliks iz intimetli konekted wia ae progres ov sivilizéçun. It iz bai a kérful egzaminéçun ov ae acfments and erurz ov ae past dat wí mē hép tu impráv in ae fûcer.

Dat hwic distingwiçez ae savej from ae eduketed persun iz ae luv ov árt and saiens. Ov ae formur tu skulpeur and péntiç ár givn ae presidens, and ov a latur, nekst tu de lôz ov our bñiç, our riléçunz tu íc vaur and a súpfriur Pour; ae studi ov ae pást histuri ov our rés iz ae móst yúsful and instruktiv.

In buks wí faind a ful akount ov aér akçunz, invençunz, kustumz and öpinyunz, but hou muc iz our interest in dem enhanst bai ae diskuvuri ov sum éncênt relik, hwic koroboréts or eksplénz ae stétments ov ae histórian. Widout ae antikwitz wí pozes, suc az stacuz, koinz, buks and pikeurz, histori wud bñi tu us a fëbld maiaoloji.

Ov ôl klasez ov éncênt kúriositiz, koinz ar fkwal tu eni in interest and valyu. Qé ar a séf gaid for nfrli 2500 yírz, and bér de pórtrêts ov nfrli ôl ae kiçz, kwínz and uaur noted persunz duriç dat píriod, hwail medalz ar struk in komemoréçun ov evuri important ívent. Óer ár a sertin klas ov kolekturz hú pé fabûlus sumz for ae sék ov a partikular dét ov ae sém koin, or wun hwic retéñz its orijinal lustur, haviç bin kept out ov surkûléçun, or for a spesimen ov sum rijekted paturn, ov hwic perhaps ónli hâf a duzn wer struk, but dê du not dizerv ae ném ov antikwéianz.

De kolektiç ov pôstej stamps iz kondurd bai meni a fûlic wést ov taim. But hwail dê lé nô klémz tu antikwiti, qé hav merits hwic ár óyurlukt bai ae kajúal obzervur. A lárj prôpôrçun ov dem ár adôrnd wia a miniacur pôrtrét ov ae rênij soverin, or sum prominent persun, tu prodûs hwic rikwairz ae móst skîful ártists; and nfrli ôl uaurz hav de néçunal insignia.

Óer iz tu evuri luvur ov saiens, a gratifikéçun in obténij sum relik ov distant klaimz. Tu dem a bit ov stik or stón from Aisland, a fiç huk from Patagónia, a pís ov klor from Japan, a fêded flour from ci Alps or a botl ov wôtûr from ae Jordan, më bñi kounted amuñ aér coïcest tréjurz. In pôstej stamps wí hav a mímeto from nfrli evuri néçun, ofn bérin a post mark ov de toun or vîlej hûver de letur woz pós ted.

Arénijij dem intu an album rikwairz gréti skil tu mëk dem luk wel. It iz not ôlwéz ae móst ekspensiv kolekçunz dat apír ae best. Wí hav sín smôl kolekçunz got up wia sô muc tést, ôl tórn or badli difést spesimenz bñi rijekted, az tu fklips uaurz hwic had kost arí taimz di amount.

Tu de yuñ kolektur it not ónli im-prúvz aér habits ov ordur and nítnes, but giyz dem praktikal lesunz in Jfografi, hwic serv tu fiks in aér maindz de lesunz ov ae skûl-rûm. Rigárded bai meni persunz az krfetiç a tést for ae fain árts, and a stepiç stón tu de kol-eéçun ov uaur kúriositiz; aér cildren ar enkurejd in ae pursút; hwail uaurz hú luk upon substancial bildiqz, land-ed properti, or a lárj inkum, az ci ón-li objekts wurai ov atençun, diskurej dem from it. Hwic pursû ae waizest kôrs wí lív our ridurz tu disaid.

OUR ORTHOGRAPHY.

Our readers will perhaps, be somewhat puzzled with the appearance of our first page, the spelling not being in accordance with Webster's Dictionary, but we think upon closer examination, they will be pleased with its simplicity. Our Saxon forefathers, destitute of many of the improvements of the present day, had not the art, which makes our language so difficult to acquire by a foreigner, of using several letters to represent the same sound.

To make our Journal as consistent as possible, we have concluded to give one page to the preservation of this ancient custom. For the long sounds of the vowels we have taken as their custom was, the accented letters; spelling far (fár), fate (fét), fear (fir), four (fór), fool (fúl); and bear (bér), ball (ból), beauty (búti). They also spelt child (cild), and which (hwile). They had a separate character for the sound of th, which looked very much like a σ; for the soft sound as in think we use a ς; and spell azure (ajur), fish (fis), and wing [wig]. By applying these rules we think the task of reading will be found quite easy. Lest we should be accused of trying an experiment upon our readers, we would state that this system has been used by the American Philological Society for several years.

PROSPECTUS.

Having established a depot for the purpose of trading in Old Coins, Postage stamps and other curiosities, at No. 28 John st., (in connection with Irving's Antiquarian book store), and finding that a large share of our business, especially during the summer months, is from country orders, and having daily calls for price lists; which are so expensive as to require special facilities for printing; we take this method of bringing our stock into public notice.

We shall be happy to purchase or exchange almost everything in our line, such as American and Foreign Coins, Medals, Postage Stamps, Autographs, Continental Money, Revolutionary Papers, Seals, Indian Relics &c., &c.

We shall publish in each No. a price list of the most noteworthy articles in stock, and also of those we wish to obtain; and shall try to keep our readers posted on every event of importance relating to curiosities. Having been in the business more or less for the past ten years, we hope to have gained the confidence and good will of our patrons. Address all letters, Wm. P. Brown. Box 4614 N. Y. City.

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United Colonies	15c. to \$1 50
Vermont, torn	1 00
Massachusetts	\$2 00
Connecticut, fine	3 00
New York	1 50
New Jersey	10 50
Pennsylvania	10 50
Maryland	10 75
Delaware	25 1 00
North Carolina	50 2 00
Virginia	1 00 1 50

LIST OF COINS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Wash'n. cent, large eagle 1791, bright	\$7 00
Vermonts Republica, 1785 fair	2 00
Vermontensium " 1786 very fine	3 50
*Nova Constellatio, 1785 fine	1 00
*Massachusetts cent, 1787 fine	1 00
*Franklin cent, 1787 good	25
New York cent, 1787 very fine	5 00
" figure to right, fair	1 50
*Vermont cents, good, several varieties	25 to 50
*Connecticut cents, fine "	10 to 50
*New Jersey " " "	15 to 50
½ Dime, "Martha Wash'n," 1792 good	8 00
Louisiana cent, without R F very fine	5 00
" 1767 with " good	1 50
Auctori Plebis, 1787 fine	6 00
Annapolis shilling, 1723 pierced	3 00
Wash'n ½ d., ship 1793 fine	3 00
Continental Currency, 1776 tin, good	8 00
God preserve London ½ d., fair	2 00
New Jersey cent, 1788 dog type, extra fine	3 00

The above sent by mail on receipt of price. Of those marked with a star, we have probably enough to supply the demand, of the others we have only one which will be sent to the first order received.

We have on hand a good variety of Autograph letters, Continental bills, Ancient and Foreign coins, American cents and half cents, medals, seals, monograms, crests &c., of which we shall publish lists in succeeding numbers.

NEWS ITEMS.

We understand that another Stamp auction is to come off next month.

The next coin sale to be held in this city, we are informed by Mr. Cogan, is the proposed four days sale of a collection from Philadelphia, to commence October 4th. 1870.

Prince Edward I. gives us a new and handsome stamp, just half the value of the 9d.

The Philatelist and Stamp Collector's Magazine for July both contain illustrations of all the 1870 issue of U. S. stamps, but being on wood give but a faint idea of the originals.

We understand from Messrs. J W Scott & Co. publishers of the American Journal of Philately, that after the first of September their journal will be issued weekly. We hope the increasing desire for information on the science of Timbrography will warrant the change.

A letter was shown to us recently, from Mary Washington to her brother George, for which \$200 had been refused, only three of her letters being known to exist. It has since been left on sale with Mr. Burns.

We have just received on consignment from Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, England, publishers of the Stamp Collector's Magazine, containing the most information of any on the subject; a large assortment of Postage Stamps, whico can be seen at our place of business.

We have just seen a new Essay for a 12c. envelope of the U. S., and hear that proofs have been taken for new designs for the adhesives.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk.

	new.	used.		new.	used.
Antigua 1d. red & rose	\$.06	\$.04	Prussia 1850-57-58-65 1 2 3 silber gr.	.02	
Austria 1850 arms 3 6 9 kreuzer	.01		" 1865 3 4 6 pfennige arms	.02	.01
" 1858-61 5 10 15	.02		" Env. 1 2 3 silb. gr, arms	.01	
" 1863-67 2 5 10 15	.01		Prince Edward I. 1 penny orange	.03	
Austrian Italy 1850 15 30 45 centes	.02		" 4 4½	.15	
" 1863 eagle in oval 5 10 15	.03		Queensland 1 2 4 6 pence	.03	
Baden 1851 3 3 3 6 6 9 kreuzer	.02		" 3d. 1 shilling	.08	
" 1860-64 arms 1 3 6 9	.02		Romagna set of 9	.75	
" 1868 1 3 7 & 3 kr. env. 1862	.01		Roumania 1862 30 paras blue	.10	
Bahamas 1 penny red	.65		" 1865-66 20 paras 1866 18 bani	.10	
Barbados ½ 1 penny	.02		" 1868 2 1869 5 bani	.05	
" 4 6 1 shilling	.06		Russia 1 3 10 kopecs	.03	
Bavaria 1850-62 1 3 6 9 kreuzer	.01		Roman States ½ 2 5 8 baj. & 10 c.	.02	
" 1868 1 3 7	.01		" ½ bajocchi 2 3 centesimi	.04	.02
Belgium 1849 10 20 centimes	.03		Sandwich Islands 1866 5 cents blue	.15	.06
" 1861 10 20 40	.02		Sarawak 3 cents yellow	.15	
Bermuda 1 penny red	.05		Saxony 1854 1 2 3 neu-groschen	.02	
Brazil 1854-66 10 reis	.03	.02	" 1863 3 pf. ½ 1 2 3 5 n. gr.	.10	.02
" 1866 20 100 200	.05		" " Envelopes ½ 1 2 3	.03	
British Honduras 1 penny blue	.05		Schleswig ½ 1½ ½ schilling	.04	.02
British Guiana 1 2 12 cents	.04		" ½ 4	.06	
Brunswick 1865 ½ 1 2 3 4-4ths gr.	.02		Schleswig Holstein ½	.02	
Canada 1868 ½ 1 1 2 3 3 6 cents	.01		Servia 1869 set of 8	.75	
" 12½ 12½ 15	.06		South Australia 1860 1 2 6 pence	.03	
Cape of Good Hope 1858 1 4 pence	.05		" 1863 1 sh. 1869 2d.	.06	
" 1865 1 4 4 1 shilling	.04		South African Republic 1 penny red	.03	
Costa Rica 2 reals red	.25		Spain 1850-51-52-53-54 6 cuartos	.03	
Danish West Indies 3 cents rose	.08	.03	" 1854-55-57-60-63 4c.	.04	
Denmark 1851 4 rbs. 1853-57 4 sk.	.02		" 1862-64-65-66-67 12c.	.08	
Egypt 1865-67 5 paras	.04		" 1867-70 10 millesimos	.05	.04
France Republic 10 15 40 c. 1 franc	.05		" 1870 1 2 4	.02	
" 20 25 Presidency 25 c.	.02		Spanish West Indies 1868-69-70 10c.	.12	.03
" Empire 1 1 2 4 5 10 20 40 80	.01		" " 20c.	.08	
" Colonies 1 10 40	.02		" " 40c.	.25	
Greece 1 2 5 10 20 40 80 lepta	.03		Straits Settlements 3-2 2 3 cents	.20	
Grenada 1 penny green	.06	.04	" 32 old issue	.35	
" 6 red	.08		St. Christopher 1 penny red	.05	
Honduras 2 reals red	.25	.15	" 6 green	.40	
Heligoland ½ schilling green	.04		St. Domingo 1866 1 real green	.50	.25
Holstein 1½ schilling 3 varieties			" 1867 ½ pink 1 blue	.25	.15
Holland 1865 5 10 15 cents			Sweden 9 17 20 ore	.04	
" 1867 5 10 20 1½ 1			" 4 12 24 30	.01	
Hong Kong 2 4 6 8 24 30			Switzerland 1850 5 10 15 rappen	.04	
India 8 pies ½ 1 2 4 8 annas			" 1862 2 5 10 20 25 30 40 50	.01	
Italy 1855 10 15 20 centesimi			" " Envelopes 10 rappen rose	.04	.02
" 1862 1 2 5 10 15 20 40 60			Tasmania 1858 1 4 pence	.03	
Jamaica 1 shilling 1 2 pence			Trinidad 6d. 1 shilling	.04	
Mexico 6 cents & 100 brown on brown			Turks Islands 1 penny red	.04	.04
" 12 25 50 100			Tuscany 1 2 4 6 9 crazie	.04	
Modena 1852 5 10 15 25 40 cent.	.10		Venezuela 1861 set of 3	.60	
Newfoundland 1860 2 pence rose	.15		" 1863-66 ½ 1 centavo	.06	
" 1866 2 10 cents	.05		" La Guaia ½ rl. rose blue green	.15	.10
New South Wales 1861 5 8d. 5 sh.	.15		" " 2 rls. green yellow rose	.15	.08
" 6d. 1 sh. 1867 1 2 & 1d. band	.03		Victoria 1865 1 2 4 pence	.01	
" 1867 4 10 pence	.10		" 1866-67-68	.08	
New Zealand 1 2 6d. 1 sh.	.04		West Australia 1862 4 pence vermillion	.25	
" 4 pence red	.25		" 1 1 2 pence	.03	
Nicaragua 5 cents black	.10	.10	" 4 6 pence	.06	
Norway 1859-65-68 4 8 skilling	.02		Wurtemburg 1857 1 3 6 9 kreuzer	.02	
Orange States 1 penny red	.08		" 1 3 6 9 1 3 7	.02	
Parma 1857 5 10 15 centesimi	.05	.06	" Envelopes 1 3 kr.	.03	.02
Peru 1868 1 dinero green	.10	.04	" " 6 9	.08	.05

LIST OF PACKETS.

A	contains 50 varieties of used stamps	\$.25
B	" 75 "	.50
C	" 100 "	1.00
D	" 200 "	2.00
E	" 400 "	10.00
F	" 25 English Colonial "	.50
G	" 20 of unused "	.25
H	" 35 "	.50
I	" 60 "	1.00
J	" 25 Eng. Col. unused "	1.00
K	" 60 of obsolete "	1.00
L	" 100 scarce "	.50
M	" 300 mixed European "	.50
N	" 1000 "	1.50
O	" 1000 Timbrophiles	.50

NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

A new feature in the history of stamp-collecting in the United States was an auction sale of postage stamps at Leavitt's, May 28, 1870, comprising the stock of a bankrupt European dealer (!) also a lot of albums &c., the most noticeable of which were as follows: 1 collection of 1800 stamps, \$38; do., 1000, \$23; do., 625, \$11; do., 515, \$8; do., 430, \$11; do., 319, \$9.50; do., 215, \$6; 5c. Sandwich Is., fancy border, \$11; Geneva 5c., \$4; Luzon 1 real green, \$5; U. S. Carrier's orange, \$4.50; 5 & 10c. St. Louis \$9; $\frac{1}{2}$ Peso Peru, \$9; Essays for first postage envelope, \$.3.25, \$.3.75, and \$.4.50; 3 American Lallier's albums, gilt morocco, \$4, \$3.50, and \$3. The proceeds of the sale amounted to about \$430.

At an auction sale of U. S. coins, pattern pieces and continental bills, held at Leavitt, Strebeigh & co's., June 17 1870, the following prices were realized:

Cents, 1793, \$9.50; do., \$5.25; do., \$5; 1796, uncirculated, \$5.50; 1797, do., \$6; 1798 do., \$7; do., \$5; 1799, \$6.50; 1804, fine, \$7.25; 1809, do., \$5.37; 1810, uncirculated, \$8.25; 1821, do., \$5.12; 1822, do., \$12.25; 1825, do., \$5.25 The whole set brought nearly \$200.

Dollars, 1842, proof, \$5.50; 1855, do., \$11.00; half dol., 1796, \$17; half dime, 1801, fine, \$8.

Continental currency, note for \$20, May 10, 1775, \$2.25; \$30, April 11, 1778, \$3.25; balance from 10c. to \$1.12.

Colonial currency, Mass., from 50c. to \$2; N. H., one note for £2; Nov. 3, 1775, \$3.75; balance 50c. to \$1.62; Conn., 60c. to \$1.37; R. I., 30 to 50c., New York, note for £2; Sept. 2 1775, \$2.75; balance 15 to 75c., New Jersey, 10c. to \$1.12; Penna., 10 to 50c., Del., 15 to 75c., Md., 10 to 15c.; Va., 30c. to \$1; N. C. 65c., to \$2.50; S. C. 25c. to \$2.12.

The Pattern pieces were an unusually fine lot, more than 25 of them bringing upwards of \$5, each, and some as high as \$35.

Colonial and others; Wood half-penny, figure facing left, nearly proof, \$8; Immunis Columbia, \$7; medal of C. W. Field, aluminum, \$15; Meade medal, bronze, \$5.25; Washington cents, 2 large eagle at \$5; one small eagle, \$10; Grant Pacific R. R. medal, \$5; Poulsen's Philada. almanac, 1793 to 1801, complete, \$8.50.

At an action sale of Greek and Roman silver coins at Bangs Merwin & Co., June 17 1870, the prices were quite low. Among the Greek coins one of Alexander brought 50c.; Aegina, \$2.37; Cyrene, \$3; Neapolis and Thurium, each \$3.12.

The Roman Family coins, which were a very complete collection, averaged 50c. each; none of them selling for over \$1.25.

Of the Imperial, 3 of Julius Caesar brought \$2, 12; \$1.12 and \$1.50; Brutus \$1.75; Otho, Vitellius and Balbinus, each over \$2; others ranging from 25c. to \$2.50.

THE HONDURAS STAMP.

This stamp having been pronounced spurious, we have a few comments to make upon it. We have in our possession: 1st., an envelope addressed to a prominent firm in this city with the seal embossed on the flap of RAYMON VALENZUELA, COMAYAGUA HONDURAS. On the face is an oblong hand impression in blue, of MORRIS & CO. AMAPALA, and also a round hand stamp, N. Y. STEAMSHIP 10 JULY 12., and 3 Honduras stamps crossed with the pen. 2nd., Part of another envelope with embossed flap, ANGEL LOPEZ, GUACALPA. 3rd., A stamp cancelled with the letters YAGUA, one fourth the width of the stamp.

We have several stamps with the steamship cancellation, and have received them on such a variety of envelopes, and coming in such a way that we have no doubts of their genuineness.

We have never seen the green one used.

We have just received a copy of the first No. of the American Antiquarian for August 1870; a quarterly journal devoted to the subject of Autograph letters and continental money, and published at \$1. per annum by Charles De F. Burns, 127 Mercer St. N. Y. It is got up with taste, containing much valuable information, and is a much needed representative of a large class of collectors.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the limited space in our Journal we cannot admit paid advertisements; but shall from time to time, notice those who deal in curiosities, or who have in their possession anything rare and valuable. All parties publishing periodicals or price lists in our line are requested to send them in exchange.

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